



**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—AGENDA**

**March 26, 2024**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Virtual**

**Call-in information:**

(970) 822-7967

**Code:** 899 786 207#

**Meeting Link:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

1. **Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions**
2. **Review of Agenda**
3. **Public Comment (2 minutes each)**
4. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION ITEM**

- 1) **Co-Chair Elections**

**RIDENOCO UPDATE**

**Update on RideNoCo Coordination Project (TDS)**

Schmitt

**PRESENTATION**

- 1) **Weld County Wheelchair Accessible Transportation Progress & Gaps** Bitzer & Blakely  
Overview of Via Mobility Services and 60+ Ride Accessible Services & Additional Gaps

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1) **2024 Presentation Topics & Sign Ups** All
- 2) **Mobility Case Study** Deaton

**GREELEY-EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES**

**WCMC MEMBER REPORTS**

5. **Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)**
6. **Next Meeting’s Agenda Topic Suggestions**
7. **Upcoming Meetings:**
  - Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: May 28th
  - WCMC: June 25th



**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES**  
**September 26, 2023**  
**1:30pm – 3:00pm**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

- Leiton Powell, Greeley-Evans Transit
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Leticia Arguello, ARC of Weld County
- Margie Martinez, United Way of Weld County
- Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca, United Way of Weld County
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Olga Maria Gonzalez, WCDPHE
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Sarah Thorne, Colorado Energy Office
- Amy Threwitt, 60+ Ride

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Brooke Bettolo, Lisa Deaton

**2. Review of Agenda**

**3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)**

None.

**4. Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Powell motioned to approve the June minutes. Ewert seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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**PRESENTATION**

**1) Colorado e-Bike Rebate Program**

Thorne

Sara Thorne from the Colorado Energy Office provided an overview of the ebike rebate program that launched in August. Slides can be found [here](#). This is an income qualified program for low to moderate incomes that offers a rebate at the time of purchase. The next round of rebates opens Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am and ends October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Applicants will be randomly selected from a pool and if chosen, they need to provide proof of residency and income. Once the rebate is received, it can be used at one of the 157 statewide participating retailers within 60 days of issue. The Colorado Energy Office will continue to offer this program until funding runs out. If the rebate doesn't get used within 60 days, the recipient can request an extension. If it is unused, the money goes back into the pool.

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

**Proposal to Cancel the December 2023 Meeting**



The majority moves to cancel the December 2023 meeting.

## RIDENOCO UPDATE

Schmitt introduced the expanded mobility team and shared respective roles with WCMC members. Slides can be found [here](#) and other updates include:

### **1) Update on TDS Project**

Schmitt discussed the roll out of RideNoCo. Not much has changed since the last meeting in August except progress is being made connecting RideNoCo with SAINT, RAFT, 60+ ride and N40MA using Transactional Data Specifications (TDS). This will allow the software systems to communicate with each other without the need to use the same software platforms. Currently, the RideNoCo call center provides callers the contact information to get in touch with the appropriate providers. This connectivity will allow RideNoCo to conduct the initial intake and share the client information with the providers directly.

### **2) 2024 Mobility Committee Format**

Feedback from the NCMC members, the consensus was to keep the same format of the Mobility Committee meetings in 2024. WCMC and LCMC will continue to meet once a quarter and collectively as a NCMC. Discussed the end of this year's calendar with the holidays in mind. Agreed to make adjustments that will be reflected in the calendar.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **1) United Way Collective Impact**

Cienfuegos-Baca

Cienfuegos-Baca presented on United Way Collective Impact work. Collective Impact is a group of individuals from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem, using a structured form of collaboration. The example of the 2013 floods was used, he explained how the program helped help folks get navigate where to get the assistance they needed. Also discussed the status of education, cost of living, lack of emotional and social support for seniors. Not one agency can address all these issues and that is how Collective Impact began, through collaboration. Focus areas are Early Childhood Development, Youth Success, Household Stability, and older adults & Healthy Aging. Created community wide measurable goals to improve the focus areas.

**Discussion:** Schmitt pointed out that quite a few people in this meeting are members of the Transportation Work Group that was working on the Age Friendly Weld Plan. The original plan was to have an Aging Well Transportation sub-committee as part of the WCMC that would meet separately and be a liaison and share those larger updates and progress with the group. Do we think this approach makes sense?

Teets asked how often they meet, Cienfuegos-Baca said that it depends on the needs or what the overall objectives are.

Schmitt discussed who was in the transportation group and in reviewing there are a lot of things that the WCMC are already doing. On these calls we hear about service updates and technical services; this sounds like something that these meetings are already a forum to talk about these things. The second



goal is to work with partners to increase awareness and access to transportation services that serve older adults and adults with disabilities in Weld County. This sounds like an activity we are doing in our WCMC quarterly meetings and in our partnership with the LCMC that meets 6 times a year. Third, to identify and address barriers that impact the mobility of older adults and adults with disabilities in Weld County. This topic may be tricky to carry out in this group. 4<sup>th</sup> goal to increase and broaden the participation in the WCMC for the purpose of further advancing age and ability friendly mobility work.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 2) **Mobility Case Study**

Bettolo

Wife calling on behalf of newly wheelchair-bound husband needing rides in Firestone. He is 6'9" and 350 lbs. He has Guillain Barre, so will hopefully not be paralyzed permanently, but the family is struggling to find options accessible to him since he is 3 inches too tall in his wheelchair to fit in the Wheelchair accessible vans.

The family does not qualify for at-home care, and he cannot be left alone, so they will need to take him to some football games in Broomfield and Arvada on Saturdays. The caller is looking for a transit van to transport him (Like a small bus or a very tall van).

Since he is the primary income earner, they are looking for affordable options wherever possible, and cannot currently afford to buy a van of their own.

**Discussion:** What options are available for these kinds of mobility needs? How can RideNoCo become more knowledgeable? Powell: Possible RTD route? If he can get to Longmont, he may be about to connect. Powell suggested checking RTD paratransit service area. Members agreed the solutions for this situation were few and far between.

### 3) **Language Access Update**

Bettolo discussed what Language Justice is and the importance with the work agencies do. The NFRMPO is working with Language Link, the over-the-phone interpretation service and in the process of getting Interpretation services for in person and virtual meetings, and translation of documents to support language equity.

## GREELEY-EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES

Powell is working with Loveland to finalize a rendezvous point between the Poudre Express and COLT. City of Loveland has route 7 that they are developing, possible start date mid-January 2024. Johnstown has reached out to GET and Hanna Johnson is working with them to identify solutions for the 25/34 Development.



Senate bill 23-094 created a School Transportation Modernization Task Force which Powell has been appointed to be a representative. The task force will be working on presenting a recommendation to the general assembly by December 2024. Greeley-Evans Transit was awarded the Coordination Initiative of the Year from CASTA for collaborating with UCHHealth Greeley and the Greeley-Evans School District 6. This was a result of students that participated in the Project Seach Program.

**Final Public Comment** *(2 minutes each)*

None

**Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions**

None

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- 1. Upcoming Meetings:**
  - a. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee – November 28<sup>th</sup>**
  - b. Weld County Mobility Committee - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**RideNoCo Updates**

Weld County Mobility Committee




North Front Range  
Metropolitan  
Planning  
Organization

March 26, 2024

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## Agenda Overview



**1:30 – 1:45: Welcome + Introductions**

- 1) Call meeting to order, Welcome, Introductions
- 2) Overview of Agenda, Public Comment, Approval of Previous Minutes
- 2) Introductions

**1:45 – 1:55: Action Item:** Co-chair elections

**1:55 – 2:00: Presentation:** RideNoCo Updates

**2:00 – 2:10 : Discussion Item:** Presentation Sign up

**2:10 – 2:45: Presentation:** Weld County Wheelchair-Accessible Transportation Gaps & Mobility Case Study

**2:45 – 3:00: Wrap Up + Member Updates**

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**Public Comment**





**Are any members of the public present today that would like to make public comment?**

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**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**



**Who would like to motion to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes?**

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## Introductions + Icebreaker



- **Name**
- **Position**
- **Agency**
- **Why are you passionate about mobility?**

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## Chair Elections



### Co-Chair Elections



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## Chair Elections



### **Chair Expectations:**

- Attending co-chair meetings, two weeks prior to WCMC and NCMC meetings, the second Tuesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM
- Assisting in generating agenda items for meetings
- Supporting and assisting in facilitation of group activities

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## Presentation



### **RideNoCo Updates**

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## Expanded Mobility Team



**Mobility Director**  
Cory Schmitt  
[cschmitt@nfrmpo.org](mailto:cschmitt@nfrmpo.org)

- Manages overall direction of Mobility Program
- Leads RideNoCo implementation projects and strategic initiatives
- Tertiary Call Center support

**Mobility Planner**  
Brooke Bettolo  
[bbettolo@nfrmpo.org](mailto:bbettolo@nfrmpo.org)

- **Facilitates Mobility Committees**
- Oversees RideNoCo's Outreach and Travel Training programs
- Responsible for creation and implementation of Coordinated Plan
- Secondary Call Center support


**Mobility Specialist**  
Lisa Deaton  
[ldeaton@nfrmpo.org](mailto:ldeaton@nfrmpo.org)

- Primary Call Center staff
- Supports Outreach and travel training activities
- **Point of contact for Rider's Guides and other materials**

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## Phased Roll Out



**Phase 1**  
2021

**Phase 2**  
2022

**Phase 3**  
2023-2024

**Website + Call Center**

- Introduction of RideNoCo
- Central hub to identify transportation options across region and beyond

**Trip Discovery**

- Ability to find and plan trips on public transit and human services providers in region
- Utilizing FS-Flex technology

**Trip Scheduling**

- Long-term vision to find, plan, and book ride in one place across multiple providers
- Laying foundation for coordination as region grows by adopting Transactional Data Specifications (TDS)

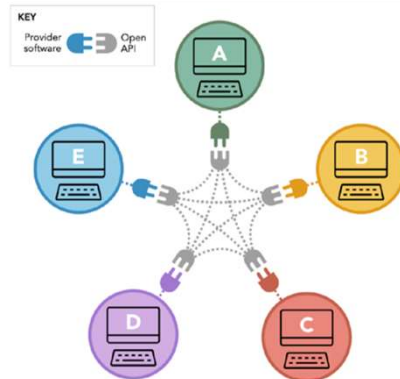
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## RideNoCo Interoperability using TDS



### RideNoCo Interoperability using Transactional Data Specifications (TDS)



- A: RideNoCo
  - RideSheet
- B: North 40 Mountain Alliance
  - RideSheet
- C: 60+ Ride
  - RideScheduler
- D: Berthoud RAFT
  - Spedsta
- E: SAINT
  - Spedsta

Source: AARP Public Policy Institute, "Modernizing Demand-Responsive Transportation for the Age of New Mobility"

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## Phase 3: Trip Scheduling



- **The RideNoCo Coordination & TDS Integration Projects are making progress:**
  - Full Path Transit Consulting has customized **RideSheet** as a TDS-compliant CRM for RideNoCo and is in the process of implementing it as a scheduling platform for transportation initiatives in Red Feather Lakes
    - **RideSheet launched as the RideNoCo CRM on January 1<sup>st</sup> as a first step in the roll out of the Coordination Project.**
  - Full Path is working alongside two volunteer transportation scheduling platforms, **Spedsta & RideScheduler**, to make all platforms TDS-compliant for use by *SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride*
    - **Engineering work and testing is nearing completion and participating providers are currently receiving training on how to use new coordination features.**
    - **Initial Business Rules for the Coordination Project have been developed alongside participating providers.**
  - **Upon pilot launch in April 2024**, RideNoCo will be able to conduct initial intake on behalf of volunteer providers and seamlessly share client info with and among providers; volunteer providers able to exchange riders and trips.



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**Presentation** 


## Weld County Wheelchair-Accessible Transportation Gaps

**Lisa Bitzer**, Via Mobility Services  
**Robin Blakely**, 60+ Ride

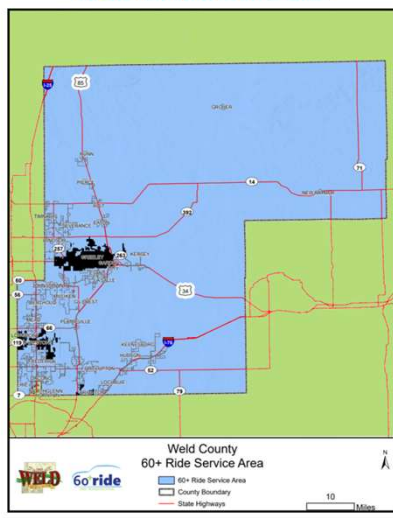



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**Presentation** 

### 60+ RIDE SERVICE AREA MAP



#### 60+ Ride Service Area

- Weld County

#### 60+ Ride Wheelchair Accessible Van Service Area:

- Weld County Residents
- Except
  - Greeley
  - Firestone
  - Longmont
  - Brighton

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[www.60plusride.org](http://www.60plusride.org)    [Ashely@60plusride.org](mailto:Ashely@60plusride.org)

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**VIA PARATRANSIT**  
Founding Mission Service

- Weld County residents can ride for free in our service area.
- Door-*through*-door service available for older adults 60+, anyone living with mobility limitations, including short-term recovery.

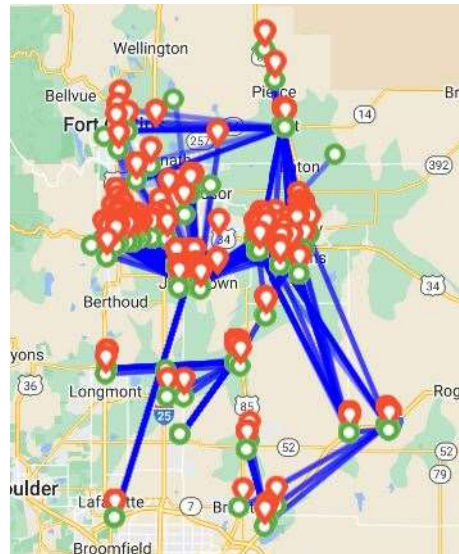
**Register Today!**  
Call Via at 303-444-3043



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## How It's Going:

- Via provides FREE transportation service in Weld County, in partnership with the NFRMPO, Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region (UFRTPR), Weld County Board of County Commissioners, and local communities.
- Riders can get where they need to go, including connecting with other transit services like Bustang, Dial-A-Ride, etc.
- Service began **August 1, 2023** and continue running Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.
- Over 7 months:
  - 958 trips
  - 112 registered riders (88 new; 24 from previous pilot)
  - Female riders – 69
  - Male riders – 43
  - Youngest rider - 25
  - Oldest rider - 96



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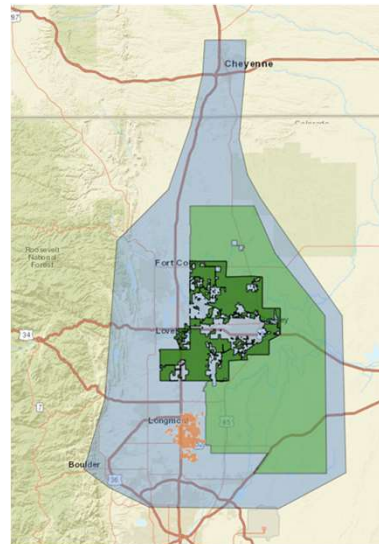
## PARATRANSIT SERVICE AREA

### Unduplicated registered riders that have taken trips:

- Ault - 2
- Fort Lupton - 13
- Johnstown - 44
- La Salle - 3
- Kersey - 2
- Gilcrest - 2
- Hudson - 4
- Keenesburg - 3
- Nunn - 3
- Platteville - 4
- Parts of unincorporated Weld County - 8

Legend

- NFRMPO Via including LaSalle
- UFR TPR VIA Pick Up Area
- NoCo Via Drop Off Area
- Carbon Valley Via Service



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## Mobility Committee Discussion



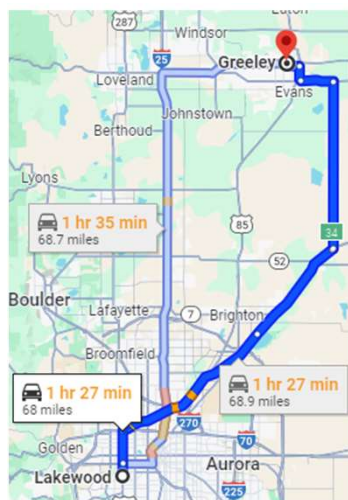
### Presentation Topics and Sign ups

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## Mobility Case Study #1




70-year-old non-veteran woman in a powerchair is looking for accessible transportation from Greeley to Lakewood to visit her ailing sister for what may be her final birthday. She is already in the GET paratransit system. Was referred by the Weld Area Agency on Aging.

**What options are available for these kinds of mobility needs?**

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**Presentation**




**Greeley-Evans Transit News and Updates**

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**Presentation**



**WCMC Member Updates**

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**Final Call for Public Comment**





**Are any members of the public present today that would like to make public comment?**

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**Agenda Suggestions**


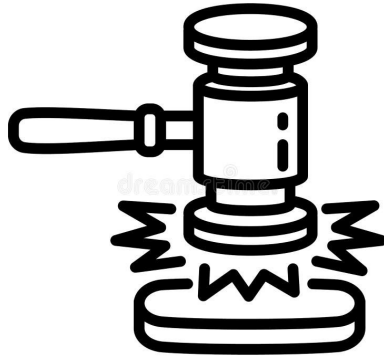


**Do any of you have suggestions for Next Meeting's Agenda?**

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**Meeting Adjourned**

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**Thank you all very much!**

**Next NCMC: May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Next WCMC June 25<sup>th</sup>!**

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# 2024 Mobility Calendar

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)  
Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC)  
Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)

January

**@ A7**  
**Tues. January & fX**  
1:30 - 3:00pm

February

**NCMC**  
**Tues. February 27th**  
1:00 - 3:30pm

March

**WCMC**  
**Tues. March 26th**  
1:30 - 3:00pm

April

**LCMC**  
**Tues. April 23rd**  
1:30 - 3:00pm

May

**NCMC**  
**Tues. May 28th**  
1:00 - 3:30pm

June

**WCMC**  
**Tues. June 25th**  
1:30 - 3:00pm

**2024 Meeting Dates:**

- Jan. 23: LCMC
- Feb. 27: NCMC
- Mar. 26: WCMC
- Apr. 23: LCMC
- May 28: NCMC
- June 25: WCMC
- July 23: LCMC
- Aug. 27: NCMC
- Sept. 24: WCMC
- Oct. 22: LCMC
- Nov. 19: NCMC
- Dec. 17: WCMC

July

**LCMC**  
**Tues. July 23rd**  
1:30 - 3:00pm

August

**NCMC**  
**Tues. August 27th**  
1:00 - 3:30pm

September

**WCMC**  
**Tues. September 24th**  
1:30 - 3:00pm

October

**LCMC**  
**Tues. October 22nd**  
1:30 - 3:00pm

November

**NCMC**  
**November 19th\***  
\*3rd Tuesday 1:00 - 3:30pm

December

**WCMC**  
**December 17th\***  
\*3rd Tuesday 1:30 - 3:00pm

